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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended as set forth hereinabove so as to claim only subject matter indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Below is a chart showing how the currently amended and new claims correspond to the original claims.

AMENDED AND NEW CLAIMS	CORRESPONDING ORIGINAL CLAIMS
1 (Amended)	1 + 2 + 4 + 5
3	3 dependent on 1
6 (Amended)	1 + 2 + 4 + 6
7	7 dependent on 6
8 (Amended)	1 + 2 + 8
9	9 dependent on 8
10 (Amended)	10 dependent on 9
11 (Amended)	11 + 12 + 14 + 15
13	13 dependent on 11
16 (Amended)	11 + 12 + 14 + 16
17	17 dependent on 16
18 (Amended)	11 + 12 + 18
19	19 dependent on 18
20 (Amended)	20 dependent on 19
21 (New)	3 dependent on 6
22 (New)	3 dependent on 8
23 (New)	13 dependent on 16
24 (New)	13 dependent on 18

CLAIM FEE

The application was filed with 20 claims, 2 of which were independent. The application, as amended, now contains a total of 18 claims, 6 of which are independent. A check in the amount of \$234.00 is enclosed to cover the Patent Office fee for three (3) additional independent claims. Authorization is given to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Account No. 06-1378.

Since the claims are directed only to subject matter indicated to be allowable by the Examiner, a discussion of the cited references is deemed unnecessary.

Submitted herewith is a letter to the Official Draftsperson requesting approval to amend Figs. 6 and 7 to designate them as --PRIOR ART--, as required by the Examiner. Approval of the proposed drawing corrections is respectfully requested.

Submitted with said letter to the Official Draftsperson is a corrected sheets of formal drawing which includes the proposed drawing correction thereon. Since a corrected sheet of formal drawing is supplied, no further drawing corrections should be required upon allowance of the application. Approval and entry of the corrected sheet of formal drawing is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of the application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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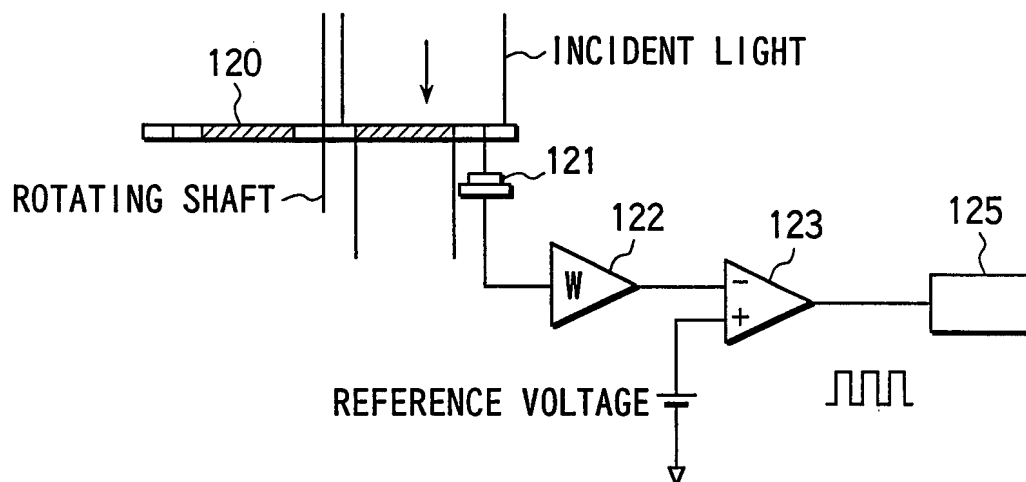


FIG. 6  
PRIOR ART

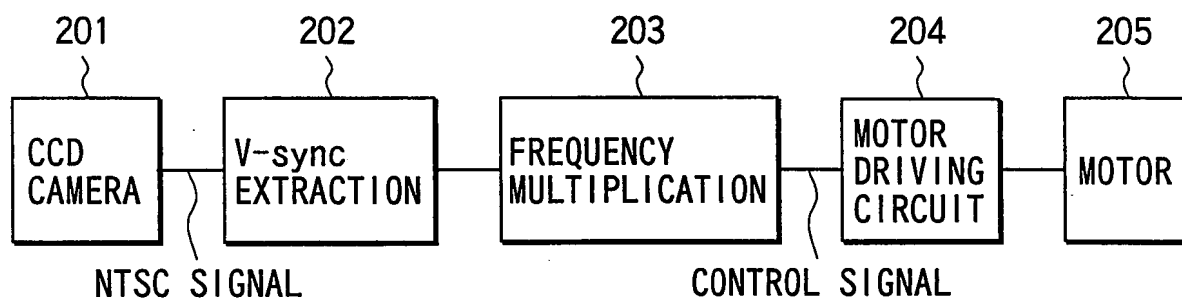


FIG. 7  
PRIOR ART